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The Peace Flag Project on Display All Summer at Utah Cultural Celebration Center

WHAT: The Peace Flag Project

**WHEN:** May 1, 2009 – August 31, 2009

WHERE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center

1355 West 3100 South

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culturalcelebration.org

**WHO:** Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the Peace Flag Project free of charge.

WHY: The Peace Flag Project is a community collaboration designed to unify and inspire the

people of the Salt Lake Valley to express their aspirations for a more peaceful world.

Built in a Tibetan tradition, the Peace Flags bear age-old symbols and mantras that, along with community's aspirations, are carried on the wind throughout the valley and throughout the world. The colors represent the elements and the Medicine Buddha represents healing. The wind horse and the four dignities (the dragon, garuda, snow lion and tiger) represent the higher qualities of mankind and are set together to inspire us to use our more noble qualities.

The community flags all bear the Om, which is a tantric letter that is most simply translated to mean "it is". The community groups were given only the instruction to set their best intentions out to the world on the flags.

Participants include: Urgyen Samten Ling Buddhist Temple, The Jewish Community Center, The Boys and Girls Club and The First Unitarian Church.

Designed by Barton Moody and Willy Littig, these sixteen flags will hang for the summer at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, a suitable location as the wind is very strong. At the end of the summer the flags will be burned, as is Tibetan tradition.

For more information on the Peace Flag Project or other exhibits, concerts or other events at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center call 801-965-5100 or visit <u>culturalcelebration.org</u> Come Celebrate With Us!